

Before the THRONE

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“Then *Naomi* said, “Sit still my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall...”
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Internal pressures can often be greater than the external ones. Waiting quietly can be more strenuous than forced labor. Waiting upon the LORD may tax your character more deeply than the beggar or the atheist ever did. For you see, the very act of waiting, either in prayer or after prayer for the answer, will try the level of faith working in your heart. Can you genuinely stop your own human effort and strength long enough to wait upon the Spirit’s answer? Or must you immediately arise from prayer – irregardless of whether or not you’ve actually heard from heaven or not – and begin to work your own plan?

There is also a deafening noise in our sitting still before God. Our thoughts race and our minds busy themselves with all matter of ineffective and inconsequential muck and detail. “Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10). All of this business in our lives must be brought low before the Saviour, who Himself would at times steel away and spend time alone waiting upon the Father’s Presence and direction. “And when He sent the multitudes away, He went up to the mountain privately to pray; and when the evening was come, He was there alone.” (Matthews 14:23).

Dear friend, discipline yourself until you can “sit still, until you know who the matter will fall.”